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many more sick people out there? Or what's going on? The transcript of the testimony at the hearing on LB 460 would suggest...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...that a lot of it comes from boredom. People want to go visit the doctor out of boredom. And I guess I could understand that, but I don't want to have to pay for that. If they have a health problem, they need to get help. But they don't need to be using the doctor unless they have a health problem. And to me, a two dollar or three dollar or four dollar copay is a way to discourage unnecessary trips to the doctor, you know, if you provide an exemption for those that have a chronic illness or an ongoing need for treatment, and that kind of thing. I think it would save us a lot of money. We're not going to make money on it, that's for sure, but it might save us some of the medical costs. If somebody else has an idea, I'm open to it. But we've got to be looking at all of those possibilities. Otherwise, our hands are tied in those areas. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Erdman and others.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Schrock, I need to say, and I need for this body to know, if they don't already, that I was born in Holdrege, Nebraska, and I have a lot of empathy for what happens in Holdrege, Nebraska. And I too did not really think that...I do not think that Clay Center's facility should be closed. And I don't know how we ever revisit that issue. But I agree with you on that. If I could have a Page back here, please? I've got one more reality check for us all, one more chart to share with you, and that is regarding state and local overall tax burden rankings, which I find fascinating. And if you'll look at the chart, it compares us to all the states around us. And in...this is in 1999, the per capita expenditures for taxes in Nebraska placed us number 25 out of 50, right smack-dab in the middle of the chart. And you'll see that those around us are very similarly situated: Kansas, 27; Iowa, 28; Wyoming, 24; Colorado, 18; Missouri, 37;